

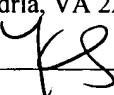


PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. PP020407.0004

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

O'HAGAN *et al.*

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Group Art Unit: 1648

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Examiner: Zachariah Lucas

Title: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING
CATIONIC MICROPARTICLES AND
HCV E1E2 DNA AND METHODS OF USE
THEREOF

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April, 6, 2009, enclosed herewith are the following documents.

- 1. PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**
- 2. STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**
- 3. REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**
- 4. RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCES, including:**
 - a. COPY OF Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures.**
 - b. TRANSMITTAL OF SEQUENCE LISTING INCLUDING:**
 - i. Paper Copy of the Sequence Listing (6 pages).**

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- ii. Compact Disk Containing CRF Copy of Sequence Listing (1 CD).
- iii. Statements Under 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f) and (g), including statement specifically directing entry of the sequence listing into the application.

5. PAYMENT – The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-1664 in the amount of \$130.00 for the extension of time fee.

6. RETURN RECEIPT POSTCARD.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 03-1664.

Respectfully submitted,
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